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Honorable Jewel W. Jordan  
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Dear Mrs. Jordan:

The Attorney General acknowledges receipt of your letter of June 14, 1960, with respect to the effective date of the salaries of certain State officials, which were increased by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, Second Regular Session.

The salaries of the following State officials were increased by that Legislation, as indicated by the Chapter following the State official:

Commissioner of Health, Laws of 1960, Second Regular Session, Chapter 112.

Supervisor of Paroles, Laws of 1960, Second Regular Session, Chapter 43.

Superintendent of Arizona State Hospital, Laws of 1960, Second Regular Session, Chapter 110.

State Land Commissioner, Laws of 1960, Second Regular Session, Chapter 114.

State Veterinarian, Laws of 1960, Second Regular Session, Chapter 75.

A similar question was presented to this office by the County Attorney of Maricopa County, and upon that question the Attorney General, on May 7, 1956, rendered Opinion No. 56-98, in which it was held:

(a) That elected officials and other officials, whether they be deputies or not, whose term of

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office is fixed by statute, are not entitled to a salary increase until the commencement of a new term of office;

(b) That elected officials and other officials whose appointments are for an indefinite term, or who serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, may lawfully receive an increase of salary while serving in that office.

A copy of Opinion No. 56-98 is enclosed with this Letter Opinion for your observation and guidance.

Therefore, in conformity with the foregoing, the salary of the following officials may not be increased during their terms of office:

Commissioner of Health  
State Land Commissioner

The salary of the following officials may be increased as of the effective date of the law which increased the salaries of such officials:

Supervisor of Paroles  
Superintendent of Arizona State Hospital  
State Veterinarian.

Yours very truly,

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